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drying the frozen drops, thereby forming dried aliquots wherein the dried aliquots comprise a plurality of dried aliquots having a coefficient of weight variation of less than about 3% and wherein said dried chemical composition is a single aliquot selected from the plurality of dried aliquots.

REMARKS

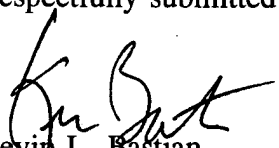
The above amendments to claims 31 and 32 do not introduce new matter. The amendment to claim 31 merely corrects a minor typographical error in the claim, while the amendment to claim 32 clarifies the relationship between claim 32 and independent claim 29.

Response to Restriction

With regard to the restriction requirement mailed June 27, 1996, Applicants elect group III with traverse. Applicants traverse on the ground that claim 32 should be included in group III and not in group II. As restricted by the Examiner, Group III claims are "drawn to a package", whereas group II claims are "drawn to a composition." See, the Office Action at page 2. The above amendment is presented to clarify that claim 32 relates to the *container* of claim 29. Accordingly, the claim is properly considered with the "package" claims of Group III.

In light of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that claim 32 be considered with the claims of group III. If the Examiner does not agree that claim 32 is properly considered with the claims of group III, applicants respectfully ask that the Examiner telephone applicants' undersigned attorney at (415) 576-0200 to discuss the matter before taking further action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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